

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Here, “average longitudinal length” refers to an average value of major axes of acicular particles having an anisotropic shape and, more specifically, to an arithmetic average value of major axes of 30 acicular particles randomly sampled from those disposed at a cross section observed by SEM in an external electrode (first or second external electrode) to become a measurement sample. Similarly, “average latitudinal length” refers to an arithmetic average value of ~~major~~minor axes of 30 acicular particles randomly sampled from those disposed at a cross section observed by SEM in an external electrode (first or second external electrode) to become a measurement sample.